Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, USA Gymnastics and its member clubs across the nation annually celebrate National Gymnastics Day to help bring attention to the sport of gymnastics and to encourage and promote physical fitness among our nation's youth; and,

Whereas, Gymnastics provides a great foundation and offers skills for a lifetime, including building strength, flexibility, and coordination, and enhancing self-esteem and goal setting abilities; and,

Whereas, National Gymnastics Day seeks to introduce the value of physical fitness for every age, race, gender and ability level; and,

Whereas, On National Gymnastics Day, gymnastics clubs across the United States partner with USA Gymnastics to heighten the visibility of the sport and encourage participation at the grassroots level; and,

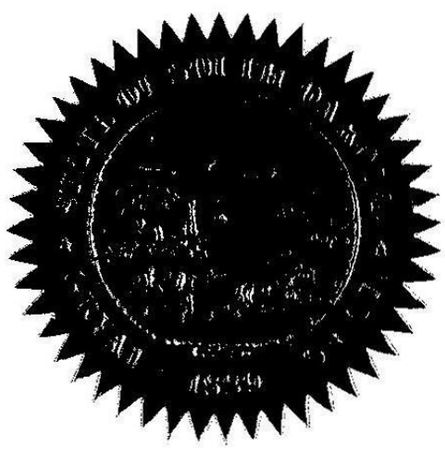
Whereas, National Gymnastics Day aims to serve the greater community ideals to provide comfort to children who are unable to provide for themselves by raising funds and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network; and,

Whereas, Collectively, our nation, our state and USA Gymnastics strive to encourage greatness and achievement in our young people:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby join the team of National Gymnastics Day Chairs, Olympic Champion Shannon Miller and Olympic Coach Bela Karolyi in proclaiming August 7, 2004, as

GYMNASTICS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State